

ABSTRACT

BULK BAGS

5       A bulk bag for the storage and transport of bulk  
materials, comprises: a bottom panel; a plurality of side  
panels; a pair of substantially parallel collapsible  
tubular guide members, each tubular guide member having a  
first end and a second end and being secured on or  
10 adjacent to the top of a side panel; and a plurality of  
lifting straps; each end of each tubular guide member  
supporting a lifting strap and the tubular members being  
connected together by a first spacer; wherein the first  
spacer comprises at least one axially stiff elongate  
15 member and is provided with a pair of jaws at each end,  
each pair of jaws comprising a first jaw member and a  
second jaw member and being adjustable between an open  
position and a closed position and biased to the open  
position by spring means; each pair of jaws being  
20 connected to a tubular member at or adjacent to the first  
end thereof in a manner whereby when the jaws are in the  
closed position they will cause at least the first end of  
each tubular member to lie substantially flat and when the  
jaws are in the open position they will cause or permit at  
25 least the first end of each of the tubular members to  
adopt a shape which is suitable for receiving a tine of a  
fork-lift. Other aspects of the invention provide a  
support device for modifying a conventional bulk bag, and  
a spacer for use in the bag or support device.

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